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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 14, 2000 NOTICE TO
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This Communication is submitted in response to December 14, 2000 Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Notice provides a one-month period for filing a response. Therefore, a response to the December 14, 2000 Notice is due January 14, 2001. However, since January 14, 2001 is a Sunday and the next succeeding day, i.e. January 15, 2001, is a Federal holiday, a response on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, i.e. Tuesday, January 16, 2001, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.